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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the NASA Hqs. Financial System

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1.   Yesterday a meeting was held with NASA accountants about their online accounting system in support of their Hqs. element. The meeting was attended by Messrs. ████████████████ of OF, and Messrs. ████████████████ of OJCS. The meeting was set up by Mr. ██████ to determine whether the NASA software could be used in some form at CIA to meet OF's requirements. Although little was learned about computer programs or processing characteristics of the system, enough information was conveyed to OF people at this meeting and at several previous meetings to convince Mr. ██████ that the system should be reviewed in detail.

2.   In a conversation I had with Mr. ██████ today, he said he would like to get on with this review so that we can come to a decision quickly, within the next few weeks, on whether to bring the system inhouse. I emphasized that the needed review must be a joint OF-OJCS effort. I also said that work on requirements definition for an internally-built general accounting system should halt until evaluation of this system is completed and a decision is made. He agreed. I asked whether other systems should be considered in this review. He was not aware of any other good candidates, did not rule out such a possibility, but wanted to concentrate on the NASA system because it has the computer character-istics they want and has an obligations base.

3.   We did not set a target date for the completion of the review. This will depend on other demands on the time of ██████████████ et al. The immediate task will require: (a) a review of the system documents received yesterday, (b) conversations with NASA people in their MIS Division, (c) discussion with Planning Research Corporation,

the NASA contractor which built the system, and (d) internal analysis of requirements, needed OF procedure modifications, modifications to software, contractor costs, schedules, and CIA training. These tasks will require about equal effort by OF and OJCS.

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    4.   I have asked ███████████to set a date for completion of this review. The end product should be a report which includes a discussion of the points mentioned above and a recommendation, written and signed by both OF and OJCS representatives.

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